

Dear Paul,

3/30/81

You are hooked on Lifton's dope and don't want to break that kind of habit, so I'm not intending this for that purpose.

I've obtained a few pertinent records, some logs and memos, etc.

It seems that rather than there being the one helicopter that took off from Andrews, Lifton referring to one only and conjecturing that it snuck the corpse off to Walter Reed, there were at least two. I knew of LBJ's, as who, including Lifton, should not have.

There were at least two ceremonial detachments, plus a few odd men. They provided an escort/guard for LBJ to his. Then all the escorts flew to Bethesda in an H-21.

There was a cordon around AF1, so the spiriting off of the body on the off side had to be made invisible or all the enlisted men at Fort Myer were part of the ever-enlarging Lifton conspiracy.

The ceremonial detachment remained at Bethesda, according to the logs, through the autopsy and what Lifton never refers to, "the preparation period." As I believe I told you before, it is only by leaving out this preparation period, which is well established in the old existing records, could Lifton imagine his sick stuff. The body was guarded while there was this preparation, before the autopsy began.

In fact, General Wehle left Bethesda ~~briefly~~ shortly after the autopsy began. We know of some of the thing he was there for from that Sibert-Connell report and that he was there for the beginning of it. The record of his departure is of about 7:35-7:40, I think 7:37 or 7:39.

Gawler's was known to be involved before the body got to Bethesda and the Army reported that the crowd there was getting out of hand by about 7.

Also, it seems that HSCA had the Clerk of the House tell the Army that all the Army records HSCA got are really investigative records of the Congress and immune under FOIA. This is what the Army has told me and I've challenged. I've also asked for copies made not from those ~~provided~~ returned by HSCA but from those from which the HSCA's copies were made. And I've notified DoD, which may also question the newest Blakey con to come to light.

Best wishes,



S 5/12
R 5/15/81

PE- if you get a more complete CNN transcript I'd like to have a copy. Regardless of the sake of the book, merit or lack of merit, I've had fewer inquiries about it than any other book. I do not regard this as any conspiracy by the press or the general public. To a degree it may represent a growing public awareness of the intellectual ripoffs involved in many of them, something I think will wash off an all and all future books. ...Eddowes also tried to palm off his nonsense about the Novotny involvement in the JFK assassination in England. I got some inquiries from English scholars looking into it years ago. That version had these same people manipulating her. Aside from all the other defects in his concoction that ought to be obvious, it should be apparent that nobody would ever try to pull this kind of thing with any woman who had surfaced in any such scandal or who could be expected to. ...Eddowes is of the legion for who the actual Soviet evils do not suffice, so they invent more. ...Have you come across anything lately that could be pertinent in the spectro case, which is now in the discovery stage? Have you heard anything more from CIA on when it will disclose anything else? ... The only records I've received recently are on the FBI's surveillances of Marina. Nothing in them of any worth. I'm to get more, in regular instalments, by 5/15, Dallas records previously withheld. I said I do not want copies or tapes of Marina transcripts, only summaries. None has come yet. What I got is a few simple and pertinent records. HW 5/25/81